[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

It has not been possible to ascertain the corresponding figurns of a private individual, as private persons invariably do not keep separate accounts of the various crops cultivated by them.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I have atleast the approximate figures with regard to a private individual's pepper farm ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It has not been possible to collect the figures,

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Is the honourable member aware that the yield from the Government pepper farm is much lower than that of a private individual's farm ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It may be so.

Mr. K. K Kuruvilla: May I know why there is such superiority in the case of a private individual's produce ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: In a Government farm all sorts of experiments are conducted and it is not run as a commercial concern.

Lemon grass cultivation.

51. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the main source of income to the ordinary agriculturists in the taluks of Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha, is lemon grass oil;

(*b*) the extent of land cultivated with lemon grass in these taluks;

(*c*) whether large quantities of fuel are required for distilling this oil.

(*d*) whether many acres of land are left without the cultivation, due to shortage of fuel;

(*e*) whether they have discovered a less expensive method for extracting this oil without using fuel;

(*f*) whether the Director of Agriculture has ever inspected the lands cultivated with lemon grass in the above taluks, or the instruments used for extracting the oil; and

(*g*) if so, the places he has so inspected ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Lemon grass cultivation is one of the sources of income to some of the agriculturists in Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha.

(*b*) The extent under lemon grass is not known. Nor is it easily ascertainable ?

(*c*) Fuel is required for distilling lemon grass.

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(*d*) There is no particular area set apart for lemon grass cultivation and it is not therefore possible to say whether any portion is left uncultivated for any reason.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) & (*g*) The Director of Agriculture has not inspected the lands cultivated with lemon grass. There was no occasion for it.

Public Health Department.

52. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of the District Health Officers, Sanitary Circle Officers, Sanitary Inspectors and Vaccinators at present?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: The *statement is laid on the table.

Statement by caste of the appointments made by the Director of Public Health.

53. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) a statement, by caste, of the appointments made by the Director of Public Health in short vacancies from 1-11-1111 to 1-12-1114; and

(*b*) another statement, by caste, of the appointments made by him from the temporary staff employed under him since 1110?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai:

(*a*) HINDU:		18
Nair	12	
Ezhava	2	
Other Hindu	4	
CHRISTIAN.		4
Jacobite	1	
S. I. U. C.	3	
(*b*) HINDU.		27
Nair	20	
Ezhava	4	
Other Hindu	3	
CHRISTIAN		10
Jacobite	5	
Marthomite	2	
Syrian Catholic	1	
S. I. U. C.	2	

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